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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL HAITIAN EMIGRANTS

1. AT INTER-AGENCY MEETING AT WHITE HOUSE ON 25 AUGUST, INS REPRESENTATIVES DESCRIBED SEVERAL RECENT CHANGES IN THE SERVICE'S PROCEDURES IN DEALING WITH ILLEGAL HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS. CHANGES ARE DESIGNED BOTH TO DISCOURAGE FLOW OF ILLEGAL ALIENS, AND TO ACCELERATE THEIR PROCESSING.

2. NEW ARRIVALS NOW ARE BEING DETAINED AND WORK PERMITS NO LONGER ISSUED. TOTAL OF FOUR AND ONE HALF IMMIGRATION JUDGES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO HAITIAN CASES, AND AVERAGE OF 100 DEPORTATION HEARINGS ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED PER DAY.

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INS HAS IMPLEMENTED DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS FOR AMENDED QUESTIONNAIRE FORMAT PROVIDING FOR MORE COMPREHENSIVE INFO FROM ASYLUM APPLICANTS IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE NEED FOR SUBSEQUENT REVIEW.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL ENDEAVOR TO RESPOND TO INS WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF CASE REFERRALS, AND TO REFER ONLY

QUESTIONABLE CASES TO UNHCR. DEPARTMENT ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SEND DEPARTMENT OFFICER TO MIAMI PERIODICALLY IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN REVIEW OF REFUGEE CASES.

4. ISSUE STILL TO BE RESOLVED IS SPECIFIC ROLE OF UNHCR IN REFUGEE CASES. DEPARTMENT AND INS HOPE SOON TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THIS QUESTION.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL PREPARE SUGGESTED TEXT FOR MISSION/ICA USE IN PUBLICIZING FOREGOING. VANCE

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